Exceptions to Personal Physical Injury Guidelines

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There are exceptions for victims of a crime who have NOT sustained a personal physical injury. However, these claims MUST be filed with the OVS as a Personal Injury claim type. The following charges must be reflected on the criminal justice agency report in order for a victim to be eligible under our statute.

Charges Needed Under Executive Law Section 631(12)

- Menacing 2 degree (PL 120.14) (2) or (3)
- Menacing 1 degree (PL 120.13)
- Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation (PL 121.11)
- Harassment 2 degree (PL 240.26) Harassment 1 degree (PL 240.25)
- Aggravated Harassment 2 degree (PL 240.30) (3) or (5)
- Aggravated Harassment 1 degree (PL 240.31) (2)
- Criminal Contempt 1 degree (PL 215.51) (b) or (c)
- Stalking 4, 3, 2 or 1 degree (PL 120.45, 120.50, 120.55 or 120.60)
- Hate Crimes (PL 485.05)
- Dissemination of an Unlawful Surveillance Image in the 2 degree (PL 250.55)
- Dissemination of an Unlawful Surveillance Image in the 1 degree (PL 250.60)

Makes Victim Eligible for only:

- Loss of Earnings
- Essential Personal Property
- Security Devices
- Transportation for necessary court appearances in connection with the prosecution of the crime
- Counseling and related transportation expenses
- Securing a crime scene
- Occupational or Job Training
- Moving Expenses
- The cost of residing at or utilizing services provided by shelters for battered spouses and children
- Crime scene cleanup
Charges Needed Under Executive Law Section 631(11)

- Menacing in the 2 degree (PL 120.14) (1)
- Menacing in the 3 degree (PL 120.15)
- Unlawful Imprisonment 1 degree (PL 135.10)
- Kidnapping 2 or 1 degree (PL135.20 or PL135.25)
- Criminal Mischief in the 4 degree (PL145.00) (4)
- Robbery in the 3, 2 or 1 degree (PL 160.05), (PL 160.10) (1), (2)(b) or (3), (PL 160.15) (2), (3) or (4)
- Unlawful Surveillance in the 2 degree (PL 250.45)
- Unlawful Surveillance in the 1 degree (PL 250.50)

Makes Victim Eligible for only:

- Loss of Earnings
- Counseling and related transportation expenses
- Transportation for necessary court appearances in connection with the prosecution of the crime

Other Coverage Under Executive Law Section 631(8) and 631(17)

- Elderly (aged 60 or over)
- Disabled victim
- A child victim not physically injured or
- A child witness to a crime without injuries

Makes Victim Eligible for only:

- Essential Personal Property
- Transportation for necessary court appearances in connection with the prosecution of the crime
- Counseling commencing within one year from the date of crime and related transportation expenses
- Financial counselling (if elderly or disabled)